GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Transport, Roads & Buildings Department – Filing a defamation suit on the Managing Director, Andhra Jyothi Telugu Daily News paper and Others for publishing the adverse, libelous, scandalous, untruthful, unfounded, per se defamatory, derogatory news published in Andhra Jyothi Telugu Daily News paper on 20.06.2023 under the caption "AYYO RTC" – Sanction of State Government to launch Prosecution under section 199 (4) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and to file defamation suit – Accorded - Orders – Issued.

TRANSPORT, ROADS & BUILDINGS (PTD-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No:374 Dated:14/12/2023
Read the following:-

1. News Item published in Andhra Jyothi News Paper, dated:20.06.2023 under the caption "AYYO RTC".
2. From Sri Y. Nagi Reddy, State Public Prosecutor, A.P. High Court, Amaravati, Legal Notice dated 16.08.2023.
3. From Sri Y. Nagi Reddy, State Public Prosecutor, A.P. High Court, Amaravati, Letter dated:- 11.12.2023.
4. G.O.Rt. No.938, GA(Poll.D) Dept., dated 20.02.2007.
5. G.O.Rt. No.2430, GA(I&PR) Dept., dated 30.10.2019.

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ORDER:-

1) In the reference first read above, a News item was published which are adverse, libelous, untruthful, scandalous, unfounded, per se defamatory, derogatory news, in Andhra Jyothi Telugu Daily News paper on 20.06.2023 under the caption "AYYO RTC".

2) In the reference 3rd read above, the State Public Prosecutor, A.P. High Court, Amaravati, has advised to issue sanction to file Compliant before the Court.

3) Government have examined the matter with reference to the orders issued in the G.Os. 4th and 5th read above, wherein powers have been delegated to the Secretaries of respective departments to issue rejoinders, file complaints and lodge appropriate cases, under sub section (4) of section 199 Cr.P.C., if

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need be, through Public Prosecutor against defamatory news items published/ telecast/ posted in print/ electronic/ social media pertaining to their respective Departments after following due procedure.

4) Government after careful examination of the matter and all the facts and circumstances of the case consider that the said news items containing the allegations under the captions publishing the adverse, libelous, scandalous, untruthful, unfounded, per se defamatory, derogatory news published in Andhra Jyothi Telugu Daily News paper on 20.06.2023 under the caption "AYYO RTC" appear to be defamatory in nature and likely to cause harm to the reputation of the Government and also mar the prestige and dignity of the Government and it is necessary to launch prosecution against the Chief Editor, Managing Director and others of Andhra Jyothi Telugu Daily News paper in a Hon'ble Jurisdictional Court.

5) Government in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (4) of section 199 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Central Act No. 2 of 1974) hereby, accord sanction to launch prosecution under sub-section (2) of the said section and to file defamation suit against the Chief Editor/ Managing Director and others of Andhra Jyothi Telugu Daily News paper regarding libelous, scandalous, untruthful, unfounded, per se defamatory, derogatory news item published in Andhra Jyothi Telugu Daily News paper on 20.06.2023 under the caption "Ayyo RTC" which is highly defamatory in nature.

6) The State Public Prosecutor, High Court of Andhra Pradesh shall take immediate further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

PRADYUMNA P.S.
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The State Public Prosecutor, High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati.

Copy to:-

The Commissioner, Public Transport Department & EO Managing Director,
APSRTC, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Law Department.
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

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